09/769,155

4. Different entities supplying the player application and the visual enhancement module.

Claims as currently presented:

1. (Previously amended) A method of providing secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content comprising:

accepting encrypted first fidelity digital content;

decrypting the encrypted first fidelity digital content into decrypted first fidelity digital content;

rendering the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user;

downsampling the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity; and

displaying images by a visual enhancement module based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity.

2. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising decompressing the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising protecting the decrypting and downsampling actions by using tamper resistance techniques to deter unauthorized access to the decrypted first fidelity digital content.

5. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having machine readable instructions stored thereon, the instructions, when executed by a

2

09/769,155

processor, provide for secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content by accepting encrypted first fidelity digital content; decrypting the encrypted first fidelity digital content into decrypted first fidelity digital content; rendering the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user; downsampling the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity; and displaying images by a visual enhancement module based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity.

9. (Previously amended) The article of claim 8, further comprising instructions for decompressing the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously amended) The article of claim 8, further comprising instructions for protecting the decrypting and downsampling actions by using tamper resistance techniques to deter unauthorized access to the decrypted first fidelity digital content.

12. – 14. (Cancelled)

15.   (Previously amended) A processing system providing secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content, comprising:

a decryption agent to accept encrypted first fidelity digital content, to decrypt the encrypted first fidelity digital content into decrypted first fidelity digital content; and to downsample the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital audio content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity;

3

09/769,155

a renderer coupled to the decryption agent to render the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user; and

an visual enhancement module coupled to the decryption agent to receive the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity, and to cause the display of images based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity.

16. (Previously amended) The system of claim 15, further comprising a decompressor module to decompress the decrypted first fidelity digital content prior to downsampling.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the decryption agent is tamper resistant software to protect the decrypted first fidelity digital content from unauthorized access.

19. - 29 (Cancelled)

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the player device is provided by a first entity to the user and the visual enhancement module comprises a plug-in software module provided by a second entity to the user.

31. (Previously presented) The processing system of claim 15, wherein the decryption agent and renderer are provided by a first entity to the user and the visual enhancement module comprises a plug-in software module provided by a second entity to the user.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content comprises digital audio data.

4

09/769,155

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content comprises digital audio and video data.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Steven P. Skabrat/
Steven P. Skabrat
Reg. No. 36,279
Senior Attorney
Intel Corporation
(503) 264-8074

c/o Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor &
Zafman, LLP
12400 Wilshire Blvd.
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026

5